Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, SkillsUSA-VICA was established for students enrolled in trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations education, with a national membership of 250,000, including chapters across South Dakota; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's SkillsUSA-VICA chapters provide outstanding career and technical programs, thereby teaching the academic, occupational and professional skills that shape high school and postsecondary students into world-class workers and responsible citizens; and,

Whereas, The motto of SkillsUSA-VICA, "Preparing for Leadership in the World of Work," is accomplished through program emphasis on respect for the dignity of work, high standards in trade ethics, workmanship, scholarship, and safety; and,

Whereas, SkillsUSA-VICA strives to develop the "whole student," through emphasis on social and leadership abilities, as well as technical skills, plus prepare them for a responsible role in the community and in the labor market:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 8-14, 2004, as

SkillsUSA-VICA Week

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to observe this week by making themselves better acquainted with the purposes of career and technical education by visiting any career and technical education institution or program in their area.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State